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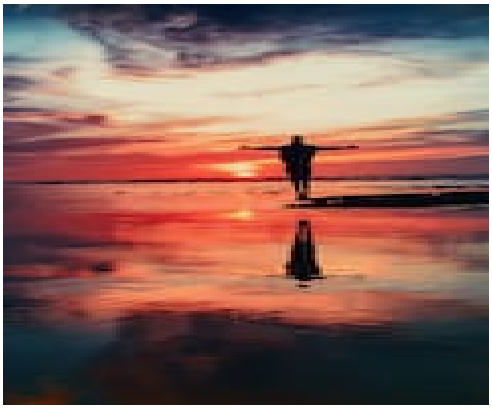
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



January 22, 2023
10:00 am

“Called Together”
Third Sunday after Epiphany

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
You are welcome here!

HYBRID WORSHIP (in-person and zoom)

Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
Arr, Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **KIKI FUGATE**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is **Kiki Fugate.** Greeters are **Donna Eyster** (Roomie); **Barbara Garland** (Zoomie).
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Star Child"
174 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **KIKI FUGATE**

Leader: Maybe you will not be called with the coal held to your lips,
the rush of wings of ambitious angels covering you…

People: But maybe you will be called by fallen mustard seeds and open-eyed dreams.

Leader: Maybe you will be called by the ordinary and the striking,

People: The places where your heart catches more than once…

Leader**:** Maybe you will know that your call is no less real because it comes with seeds in your hand and the taste of fruit in your mouth,

People: **With a sound so soft it could have just been the breeze, but wasn't.**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult "
172 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 9:1-4** **KIKI FUGATE**

SECOND READING **Matthew 4:12-23** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"You Have Come Down ot the Lakeshore"
Tu has venido a la orilla"
173 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Called Together"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

O Holy One, we come today to claim our relationship with you.
We pray for the commitment to grow together,
sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.
Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted.
Help us forgive those who have hurt us.
Give us strength and discipline to nurture our relationship with you;
to care for every part of your creation;
to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;
to work to end all war, and violence, and discord;
and to respond joyfully when you call,
freely giving ourselves as you have shown the way.
We open our hearts to you and your creation
in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering place on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Depth of Mercy/Search Me O God"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
Arr, Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **KIKI FUGATE**

Let these gifts follow Christ's lead into the lives of people in need.
O God, use them to heal divisions among your people.
Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money.
Teach us so we can teach others.
Heal us so we can become instruments of healing.
To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Are Gathered"
2 ES

BENEDICTION We have heard the Word beyond words. **PASTOR LIZ**
We have seen the holy in ordinary beauty.
We have tasted the sweetness of God's love.
Let us go out into the world carrying mustard seeds and open-eyed dreams,
Following God's call to be the Body of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm"
By, Irving Berlin

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Worship Leader, Kiki Fugate
Greeters, Donna Eyster (Roomie) and Barbara Garland (Zoomie)
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught By Love.* (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

Worship Next Week: **Tad Wysor, Jeanette Sherrill, & Margaret Harner** are planning the service for next **Sunday, January 29th**. **They will serve as Worship Leaders and Greeters**.

Tad recently attended the launch of the **Gamaliel Race and Power Institute** and has been in touch with Dr. Deborah Krause, President of Eden Theological Seminary (UCC Seminary in St. Louis). Dr. Krause was the presenter of the opening gathering of Institute and has agreed to share her remarks for us next Sunday; logistics are still in progress. This an exciting opportunity to be a part of this new national effort to transform the narrative and with a long-term agenda committed to racial equity and the development of an anti-racist organization.

Thank you, Tad, for bringing this experience to us and for your enduring commitment to community organizing, most recently with WeROC. Your faith and dedication shine brightly among us.

2023 Monthly Worship Team Meetings

The Worship Team will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 23 at 6:30 pm via the church Zoom. Beginning in February, the Worship Team will meet via Zoom on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. The 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are Jan 23, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

In order to streamline decision-making and increase communication across all team members, the 2023 Worship Team standing monthly meeting will consist of these church roles: Pastor (Liz), Music Director (Tiffanie), Moderator (Donna), Worship Coordinator (Margaret), Technical Coordinator (Melanie) and Liturgist (Jeanette). The goal of scheduling a standing monthly Worship Team Meeting based on these church roles is to allow a consistent working group to meet regularly to make decisions about worship creation and delivery prior to our monthly executive level Church Council Meeting. This new format should help reduce the length, and increase the efficiency, of our monthly Church Council Meetings.

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings Resume on Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom beginning January 30, 2023. Due to the 2023 standing Monthly Worship Team Meeting schedule, there will not be a Community Discernment Gathering held on Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, or Dec 11.

When two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them. Jesus in Matthew 18:20

"Liminal space is that space that human beings hate to occupy…where the biblical God is continually taking us." Richard Rohr

Our on-going Zoom Community Discernment Gatherings will resume on Monday nights at 7:00 pm after the recent Advent/Christmas/Epiphany "pause" beginning on January 30, 2023. Many thanks to Rev. LeAnn Seto for providing copies of the United Methodist Church 2017 Annual Conference handout summarizing the key points of Susan Beaumont's *Leading in a Liminal Season*. This outline is a wonderful support tool for understanding the dynamics we are currently experiencing as we "Lead with Prescence" through this season of ambiguity and disorientation in the life of our church. Roomies can pick up a copy at the church by the door. Zoomies, please send Pastor Liz an email **(lizlarrivee@gmail.com)** if you would like a copy, and she will mail one to you via the USPS.

Please bring your thoughts about "What makes us a church?" (vs. another type of non-profit, community organization, club, or volunteer group) to the January 30 7:00 pm Zoom gathering. We will be reviewing our most recent Ypsi UCC "Mission Statement(s)" as a launch point for our discussion. Thanks to all who are contributing their time, talents, and love to gathering weekly on Mondays 7:00 pm (Community Discernment Gatherings) and/or bi-weekly on Wednesdays 7:00 pm beginning January 18 (Engaging Christian Contemplative Practices) as we listen for the Holy Spirit's still speaking voice calling us toward our shared ministry future together.

Church Council meets on Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30pm on Zoom. All are welcome!

Annual Meeting: **Mark your calendars and save the date!** The Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational United Church of Christ has been called for Sunday, February 19, 2023, immediately following worship.

Asylum Is a Human Right.

WFJ (Witness for Justice, UCC)

Rev. Noel Andersen , Coordinator for the Immigration National Collaborative on Immigration for the United Church of Christ.

A weekly commentary from the United Church of Christ Issue #1134 | January 12, 2023

On December 24th, while many of us were focused on our Christmas Eve services, dozens of migrants seeking asylum showed up at Vice President Kamala Harris's door in Washington, DC in the middle of the cold night. They had been sent by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott. While we celebrated the Christmas story of a refugee family finding shelter in a stable for the birth of baby Jesus, migrants along their journey were used as political pawns.

As we prepare to celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy, and as we reflect on Governor Gregg Abbot's actions, which have been joined by Governor DeSantis of Florida, we also remember the history of "Reverse Freedom Rides." This entailed segregationists busing African Americans from the South to the doorsteps of their political targets in Northern cities with false promises of housing and jobs. It is abundantly clear that the current politics at the Southern border are intricately tied to this country's history of racism.

Dr. King's prophetic words ring as true today as they did in the era he lived through. Although there is clear progress in our laws and infrastructure to combat discrimination, the ongoing struggle for justice continues. The quest for basic human rights is still a revolutionary venture: "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." These words came from King's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in Oslo, Norway in 1964. The ability to flee persecution and seek asylum has been a critical component to human rights infrastructure, which has been rapidly eviscerated, first by the Trump administration, and now by President Biden.

As thousands of UCC congregations continue to advocate for policies that welcome immigrants, oftentimes inviting asylum seekers into their congregations and homes, this administration continues to take plays from the Trump era of anti-asylum policies. New policies that are currently being rolled out include the expansion of expedited removal for those who arrive at ports of entry along the border and a five-year reentry ban on migrants whose claim for protection is denied. Sponsorship and travel requirements for humanitarian parole of Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans will leave vulnerable populations without a path to safety, while those with financial means will have an advantage. As President Biden reflects on his trip to the US-Mexico border, we pray that he, as a Christian, remembers the Christmas story of a refugee family seeking safety. Instead of denying people their right to claim asylum, which violates the US Refugee Act, we call on this administration to create a robust, humane reception system with adequate funding to shelter and provide the case management that asylum seekers so desperately need. As people of faith, let us continue to work towards Dr. King's vision of the beloved community, where all are truly welcomed and treated with dignity, equity, and justice.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with

Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

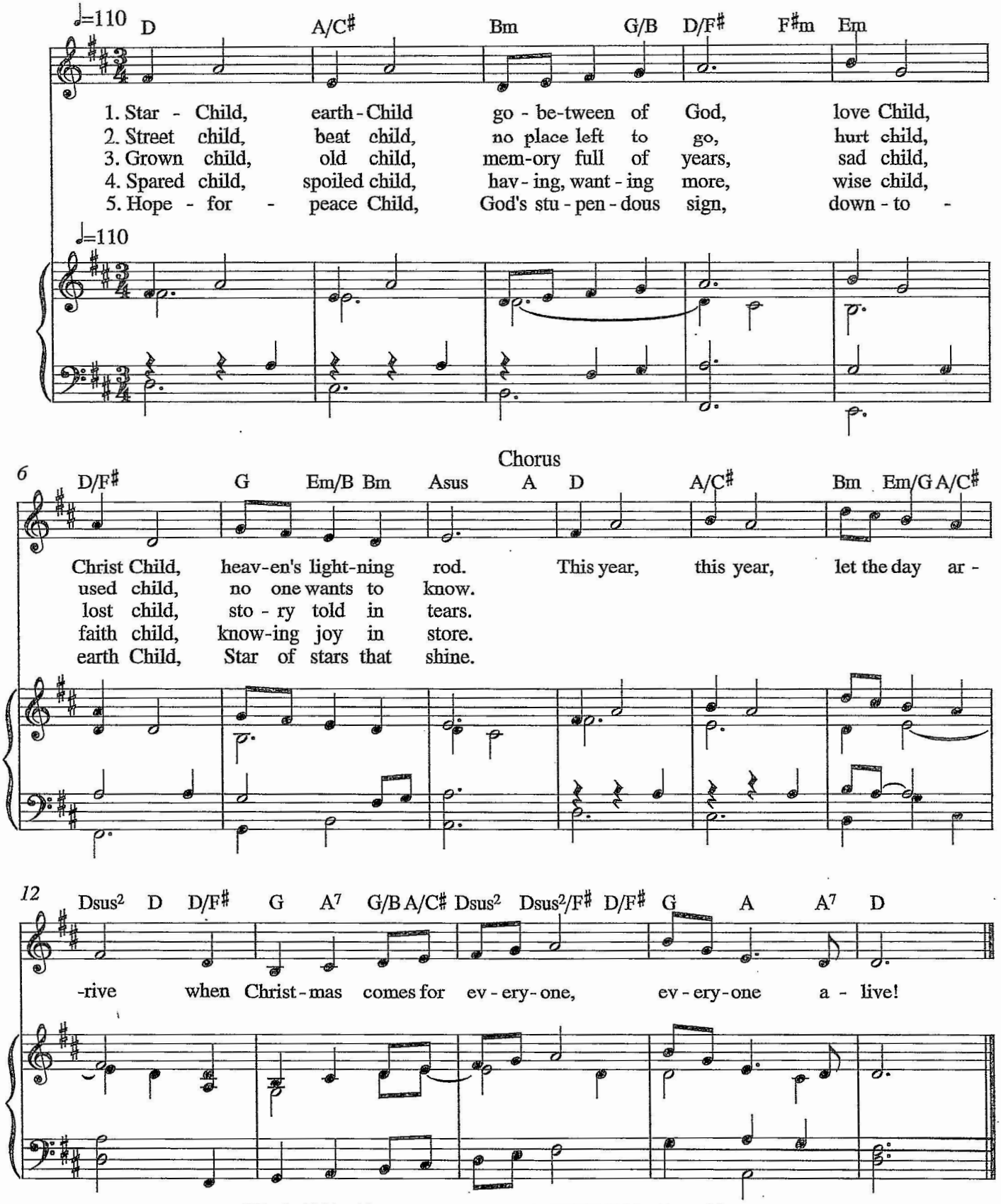
First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

174 Star-Child



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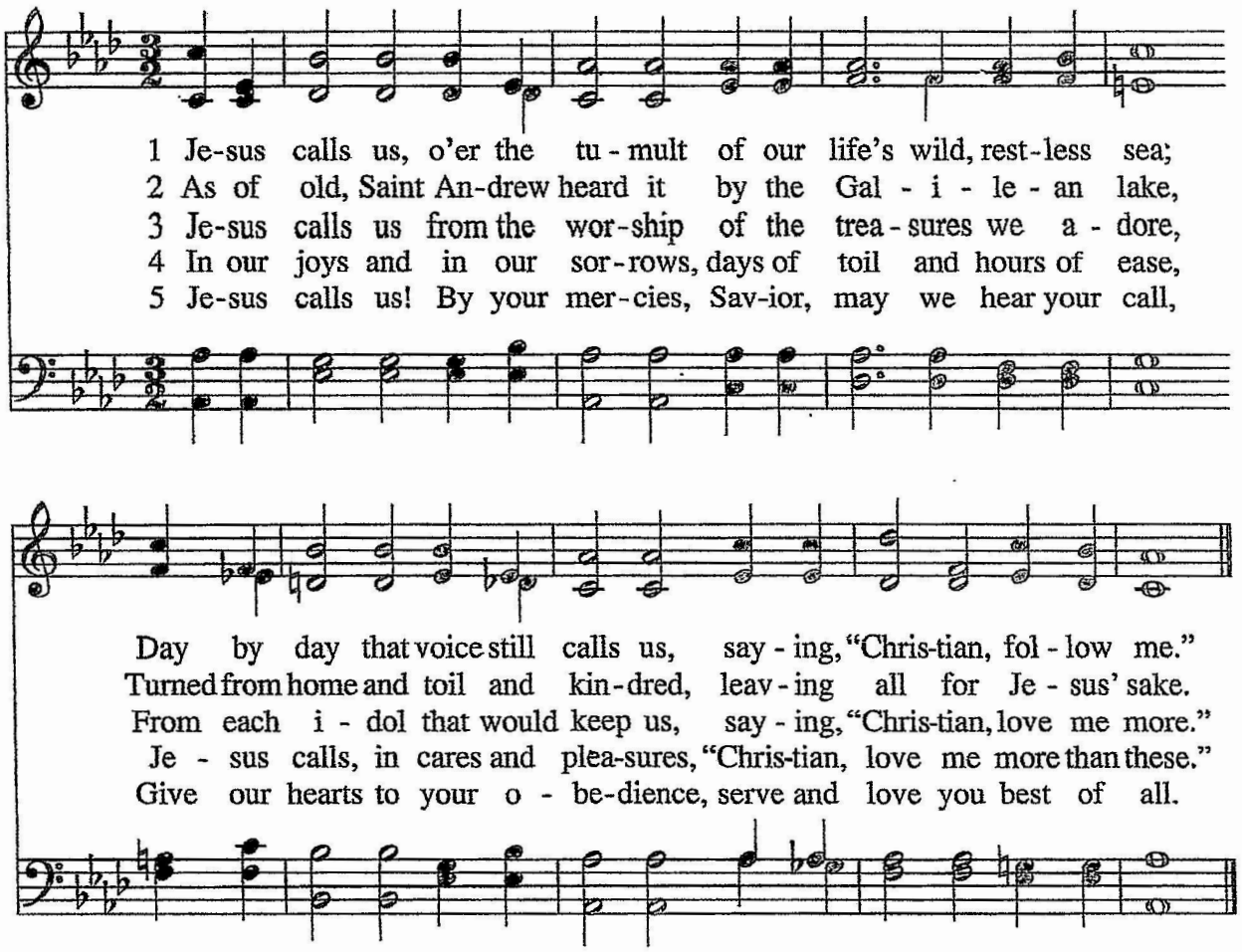
Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult 172

Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt. *Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; John 21:15*



Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee *was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.*

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1887
Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus-
2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
trea - sure nor weap-ons for con - quest, Just these my

Estribillo (Refrain)

D A7 D D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
8.10.10. with refrain
Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

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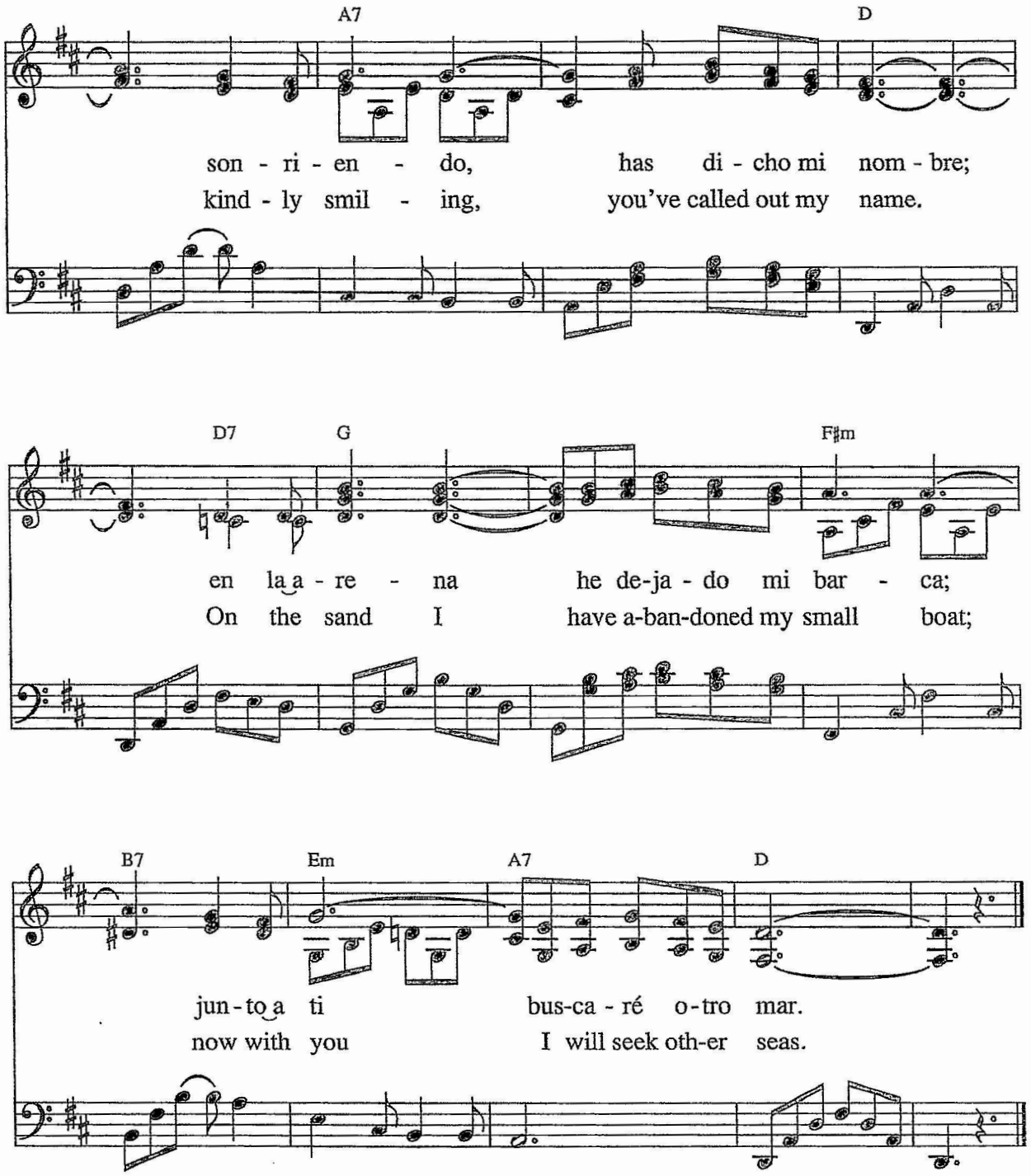

3. Tú ne-ce-si-tas mis ma-nos,
mi can-san-cio que a o-tros des-can-se,
a-mor que quie-ra se-guir a-man-do.
Estribillo

4. Tú, Pes-ca-dor de o-tros ma-res,
an-sia e-ter-na de al-mas que es-pe-ran.
A-mi-go bue-no, que a-sí me lla-mas.
Estribillo

3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion,
work-ing love for the rest of the wea-ry—
A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing.
Refrain

4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters;
you, the long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing:
As lov-ing Friend, you have come to call me.
Refrain

We Are Gathered

C Em Am

1. We are gath-ered here to-geth-er in the pres-ence of
2. We are gath-ered here to-geth-er with our dust-y feet
3. We are gath-ered here to-geth-er we are stran-gers in
4. We are gath-ered here to-geth-er just to cel-e-brate

F G

the Spir-it, the Spir-it that keeps break-ing in our lives.
and bod-ies; We're tired and sore and rest-less, And we don't
a strange land; No-mads in the de-sert, We are ex-
the un-ion, The com-ing to-geth-er of our souls

C Em

Well, we don't have all the an-swers, but we
know how we feel. Well, we wash each oth-er's san-dals And a-
iles meant to roam. We have left the past be-hind us And the
in time and space. Well, we know God's reign is com-in' And we

Am F

sure do have the ques-tions; we know that to cre-ate
noint our heads with wa-ter, And some-where in the pain,
ones who call us "chil-dren," We're sear-chin' out a new
know it don't come eas-y, But still we trust our vi-

G Dm

is to sur-vive.
There is a place that starts to heal. We're trav-elin'
fron-tier, A place to call our home.
sion of the smile on fu-ture's face.

Am Dm

on a road we've nev-er seen be-fore, And O it's

Am Dm

hard to know which way to go, But some-where

F C Am Emaj

there's a prom-ise 'bout some dis-tant shore that those who

Am

seek will some-day know.

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